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Fleet Imaging Command Staff Earns Meritorious Service Medal

PENSACOLA, Fla. -- Officer-in-Charge of Fleet Imaging Command Pacific Detachment, Lt.

Cmdr. Steven A. Stopler, earned the Meritorious Service Medal recently by initiating the Pacific Fleet's most progressive buildup of state-of-the-art digital photographic technology in a decade.

Stopler demonstrated outstanding dedication and leadership as well as insightful vision in directing Fleet Imaging Command Pacific, Detachment San Diego from March 1999 to May 2001. His outstanding service during his assignment helped to provide imagery support to more than 1,000 Navy and Department of Defense commands from the Central United States to the Pacific Ocean.

Extending his influence and leadership beyond his detachment, he provided managerial oversight and technical management in identifying, testing, and procuring digital imaging equipment fulfilling the forward-deployed digital imaging requirements for each type commander within Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet. While simultaneously performing three full-time officer positions, he initiated the Pacific Fleet's most progressive buildup of state-of-the-art digital photographic technology in the past decade.

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Stopler has also implemented the Pacific Fleet's first shipboard Digital Photo Lab training course, which provided the fleet with supplemental tools to cost effectively integrate this new technology into the war-fighting environment. His personal drive has reinvigorated Fleet Imaging Command Pacific and has provided a clear, single purpose and focus of mission throughout the geographically dispersed command.

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